

RESPONSE AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

In response to the Office Action of September 15, 2009 Applicants hereby request the Examiner to reconsider the claims in view of the present amendments and remarks.

The Amendments

Applicants have amended independent claim 1 by deleting reference to monoamine or polyamine as defined by the application as filed.

Claim 21 has also been cancelled.

It is submitted that the amendments described above are fully supported by the application and do not add subject-matter.

Remarks

The Examiner has raised a 35 U.S.C. 102(b) rejection to claim 21 in view of Nelson. In view of the amendment described above, this rejection is obviated.

Accordingly, it is submitted that all pending claims are novel.

The Examiner has raised a 35 U.S.C. 103(a) rejection to claims 1-5, 25-34, and 37 over Taylor (WO 01/56968) in view of Hoke (US 4,090,971).

The Examiner contends that Taylor describes a salixarate. The Examiner uses the disclosure in Hoke of monoamines or polyamines to prepare dispersants. Since the Examiner has not made a rejection in claim 1 to amines listed as 1(a)(ii)(1), 1(a)(ii)(2), 1(a)(ii)(5), 1(a)(ii)(6), 1(a)(ii)(7), and 1(a)(ii)(8), these may be considered unobvious over Taylor in view of Hoke. The Examiner is therefore respectfully requested to withdraw the 35 U.S.C. 103(a) rejection to independent claim 1. Since other pending claims are dependent on the subject-matter of claim 1, all pending claims are also submitted to be unobvious over Taylor in view of Hoke.

For the foregoing reasons, it is submitted that the present claims are in condition for allowance. The foregoing remarks are believed to be a full and complete response to the outstanding Office Action. Therefore, an early and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that only minor issues remain to be resolved, a telephone call to the undersigned is suggested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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